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Dr. Bruce Chernoff, Director, Chief Medical Officer
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Martin Luther King/Harbor Hospital License

Dear Dr. Chernoff:

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) is very concerned about recent incidents involving patient care violations at Martin Luther King-Harbor Hospital. CDHS acknowledges the extensive effort that you and your organization have devoted to bringing the hospital into compliance with certification and licensing standards. However, based upon current findings, we are initiating the process to revoke the hospital's license. We are developing the formal revocation accusation and will present it to the hospital by month's end.

The action to revoke the hospital's license will be initiated with service of an Accusation, and will include the opportunity to appeal the proposed action in a formal administrative hearing in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 100171. Services at the hospital will continue during this process.

CDHS reserves the right to rescind the revocation accusation based on MLK-Harbor's ability to abate the finding of Immediate Jeopardy and demonstrate compliance with state licensing and federal certification requirements.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Billingsley R.N.
Deputy Director
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